

Appl. No. 10/648,755
Amdt. dated December 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of 09/09/2005

Docket No. 2543-28-99A

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 remain in this application.

Response to rejections of claims 1-11

In the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-11 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 73-82 of copending application No. 10/657,358, alone or in view of Kempner US 4,973,619. Claims 1-11 were also rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over various claims in US Patents No. 6,743,840; 6,537,466; 6,528,566; 6,777,467; 6,790,892; 6,232,380; and 6,706,792.

Applicants submit that the "Terminal Disclaimer" submitted herewith overcomes both of these rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing arguments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reexamine the claimed subject matter, to withdraw the rejections of the claimed subject matter and to allow claims 1-11 at this time. If, however, there remain any open issues which the Examiner believes can be resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned agent.

Fee of \$130 is submitted herewith in connection with the terminal disclaimer. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this amendment; however, if any such fees, including petition or extension fees, are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them, as well as to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-1850.

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